



REPLY TO
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SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum 9-1, Dangerous Dogs

1. References:

- a. Memorandum HQ USAREUR, USAREUR Policy on Importing and Registering Dogs, 5 Feb 02.
- b. Bavarian Law, BayRs 2011-2-I, Keeping Dangerous Dogs, 1992.
- c. Amendment to BayRs 2011-2-7-I 4, Keeping Dangerous Dogs, Sep 02.

2. Class I dogs:

In accordance with host nation laws, the following Class I canines are prohibited from entering Germany and from residing in government controlled quarters. Any mix breeds containing bloodlines of class I canines are also classified as Class I canines. Any Soldier or DoD civilian who owns a Class I dog will remove it from Bavaria immediately. No exceptions will be granted. The removal will be at the owner's personal expense. Class I dogs include the following breeds:

Pit-Bull	Bandog
American Staffordshire Bullterrier	Staffordshire
Bullterrier	Tosa-Inu

Proving the breed or pedigree of a dog is the owner's responsibility. If no documentation of breed can be provided, the State Veterinarian has the authority to decide what breed of dog is represented.

Neither appearance nor DNA testing is an accurate method to determine a dog's breed. VETCOM personnel will not determine an animal's breed for any contentious or legal purposes nor perform temperament testing.

This policy memorandum is effective immediately and will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.

3. Class II dogs:

The following breed of dogs are considered aggressive or dangerous until proven otherwise. These breeds are:

Alano	American Bulldog	Bullmastiff
Bullterrier	Cane Corso	Dog Argentino
Dogue de Bordeaux	Fila Brasileiro	Mastiff
Mastin Espanol	Mastino Napoletano	Perro de Presa
Canario (Dogo Canario)	Perro de Presa Mallorquin	Rottweiler

These dogs must be registered immediately upon arrival in Germany. If the dog is older than 12 months a German veterinarian who is certified to do temperament testing must perform a temperament test on these breeds prior to registration. The dog owner is responsible for paying for this testing. If the dog is less than 12 months old the owner will receive a temporary registration that will last until the dog is old enough to be temperament tested. The dog must be tested and the results submitted to the registering authority before the temporary registration expires. Copies of the registration need to be submitted to the Schweinfurt VTF.

4. Dogs can be registered at the following registration offices:

a. Schweinfurt German Public Order Office:

Amt für öffentliche Ordnung und Umweltfragen
(Office for Safety and Environment)
Schulte Str. 19
97421 Schweinfurt
09721-51-337

b. All other German communities (e.g. Bergtheinfeld, Niederwerrn, Hambach, etc.) check with that community's Rathaus.

5. All dog owners are liable for any incidents associated with their dogs. The fines for violations of the Bavarian law on keeping dangerous dogs are steep and vary from town to town. The NATO-SOFA does not prevent U.S. Forces personnel from paying these fines. Furthermore, if a Class II dog is involved, the presumption of "guilt" will automatically fall on the owner of the Class II dog.

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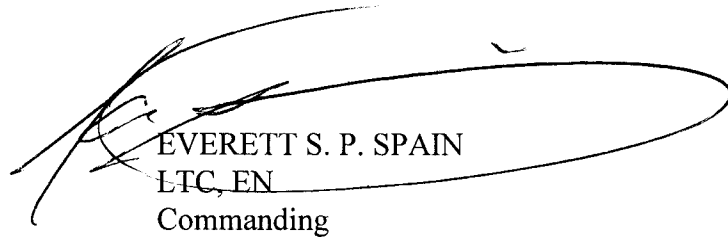
6. Dog owners of the above mentioned breeds must take action to immediately register that dog per this policy. If the dog does not pass the temperament test it will be considered a Class I dog and will have to be removed from Bavaria at the owner's expense. The owner must release it to someone "entitled" to have such a dog or the German authorities will have to euthanize the animal.

7. More information about registering dangerous dogs is available at the Schweinfurt VTF 314-353-8359.

8. The POC is Mr. Sauer, USAG Schweinfurt, Safety Office at 354-1670.

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1. Minimum Requirements for Registration
2. Content of the Expert's Opinion



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Enclosure (MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRAION) to Policy Memorandum 9-1,
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Minimum Requirements for Registration:

1. Date of the expert's opinion (certificate).
2. Date, duration and place of the examination.
3. Name and address of the owner and holder as well as names of the persons who are keeping the dog on behalf of the holder.
4. Description of the dog (race, DOB, sex, if available descent, name of the dog, color, insignia).
5. Proof of identity (tattoo/chip) photo.
6. Place(s), where the dog is kept most of the time (address of the dog holder).
7. Result of the examination. "The animal has been assessed to be/not to be a dog with increased aggressiveness and dangerousness".
8. Proof of pet-owners liability insurance.

Enclosure (CONTENT OF THE EXPERT'S OPINION) to Policy Memorandum 9-1, Dangerous Dogs

Content of the Expert's Opinion

The expert's opinion should include the following information as to the nature of the dog and the conditions under which it is kept:

1. Events that had influence on the nature and the character of the dog since it reached sexual maturity (for example: Status of training, if the dog has successfully completed training, odd behavior that attracts attention, behavior that could be a safety hazard).
2. The purpose of the dog (for example: family dog or watchdog) and the animal's characteristics the holder fosters.
3. Conditions of the holder's property (fenced in, running free or kept in a kennel) and other conditions, which may be relevant to the development of the dog's nature.
4. The dog's behavior toward strange persons at the dog holder's place.
5. The dog's behavior toward strange persons outside the dog holder's place (for example: Children, bikers and joggers) and in traffic, on the leash and off the leash in a known and unknown environment.
6. The reaction of the dog following commands (i.e. sit, lay-down, heel) when on the leash and/or running loose
7. How well it walks on the leash.
8. The behavior of the dog towards other dogs and animals (i.e. cats, pigeons, rabbits, etc.) when on the leash and/or running loose.
9. The behavior of the dog when it is exposed to unknown optical or acoustical stimuli.
10. The behavior of the dog towards the dog holder and other persons who take care of him in different situations.
11. Suggestions for preventive measures IAW article 18, paragraph 2 LStVG if the characteristics of a fighting dog are negative or if the characteristics of a fighting dog have been confirmed.
12. Outside of the holder's premises the dog must be kept on a leash, resistant to tearing, with a non-slip-off collar and a muzzle by a responsible person who is able to lead the dog. The dog is only allowed to run loose with a muzzle and outside of residential areas.
13. For security reasons it has to be guaranteed that the dog is kept secured by keeping him in a kennel, or in a fenced in area with locks. This means that the dog will not be able to leave the property without supervision, and that he is not able to harm any person who is authorized to be on the property.